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Michigan Joblessness Rises

Michigan's unemployment rate advanced four tenths of a percentage point in October to 14.9 percent. The higher rate represented 637,000 jobless individuals, up 13,000 from the previous month. The state's labor force continued to decline, falling 28,000 to a level of 4,279,000. Mainly reflecting layoffs in the auto industry, the October employment total of 3,642,000, when compared to September's level, represented 40,000 fewer Michigan residents with jobs. The jobless situation in the state has worsened considerably from a year ago. In October 1981, the unemployment rate stood significantly lower at 11.6 percent with 504,000 jobless. Also, total employment has fallen 198,000 over the year.

Industry Jobs Continue To Slide

Michigan wage and salary jobs numbered 3,208,800 in October, down 13,600 from the September level. The reduction reflected major losses in manufacturing which were partially offset by gains in government. Manufacturing employment at 837,600 fell 49,300 over the month with layoffs in the transportation equipment industry responsible for more than 50 percent of the loss. Other goods-producing industries posting substantial over-the-month reductions were metals and nonelectrical machinery. In the private nonmanufacturing sector, employment declined a moderate 1,400 to 1,743,100. All industries within the classification recorded losses with the exception of construction. Government payrolls at 628,100 in October showed a monthly increase of 37,100. However, the majority of the gain was attributable to the settlement of labor-management disputes at local school districts. Reflecting the deepening of the state's economic recession, total industry jobs in Michigan have declined 195,300 or 5.7 percent since October 1981. The overwhelming majority of the reduction was located in the manufacturing sector, particularly motor vehicle and related industries.

Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment Estimates

October 1982 (Preliminary)

Area	Civilian Labor Force	Total Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
Michigan	4,279,000	3,642,000	637,000	14.9%
Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti	140,700	125,300	15,400	10.9
Battle Creek SMSA	81,800	69,400	12,400	15.2
Bay City-SMSA	55,000	47,100	7,900	14.4
Benton Harbor-SMSA	71,700	60,600	11,100	15.5
Detroit	1,967,900	1,658,800	309,100	15.7
Flint-SMSA	225,800	179,200	46,600	20.6
Grand Rapids SMSA	329,800	294,500	35,300	10.7
Jackson-SMSA	66,000	55,200	10,800	16.4
Kalamazoo-Portage SMSA	139,200	124,900	14,300	10.3
Lansing-East Lansing-SMSA	245,300	218,400	26,900	11.0
Muskegon-Norton Shores-Muskegon Heights SMSA	79,800	65,800	14,000	17.5
Saginaw-SMSA	101,500	86,600	14,900	14.7
Upper Peninsula LMA	138,800	113,400	25,400	18.3

Civilian Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment Estimates

State of Michigan

Item	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Aug. 1982	Oct. 1981
PLACE OF RESIDENCE				
Civilian Labor Force	4,279.0	4,307.0	4,379.0	4,344.0
Employment	3,642.0	3,682.0	3,742.0	3,840.0
Unemployment	637.0	624.0	637.0	504.0
Rate	14.9%	14.5%	14.5%	11.6%
PLACE OF WORK				
Wage and Salary Employment	3,208.8	3,222.4	3,187.7	3,404.1
Manufacturing	837.6	886.9	866.5	974.3
Durables	650.0	694.8	676.5	777.4
Lumber & Wood Products	9.9	9.8	9.4	10.6
Furniture & Fixtures	21.2	21.7*	22.1*	23.4
Metals	140.0	148.8	145.6	175.2
Primary Metals	46.3	48.6	47.5	62.3
Fabricated Metals	93.7	100.2	98.1	112.9
Nonelectrical Machinery	121.3	129.5	127.6	156.4
Electrical Machinery	27.7	28.7	29.2	31.4
Transportation Equipment	296.3	322.0	308.3	341.7
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	280.1	305.6	292.1	326.3
Other Transportation Equip.	16.2	16.4	16.2	15.4
Other Durables	33.6	34.3	34.3	38.7
Nondurables	187.6	192.1	190.0	196.9
Food & Kindred Products	47.1	48.1	49.6	45.5
Textiles & Apparel	16.8	18.7	17.4	20.0
Paper & Allied Products	20.3	20.8	20.3	21.5
Printing & Publishing	30.4	30.4	30.1	32.4
Chemicals & Petroleum	43.2	43.3	43.3	46.0
Other Nondurables	29.8	30.8	29.3	31.5
Nonmanufacturing	1,743.1	1,744.5	1,748.4	1,799.1
Construction	94.3*	91.4*	98.1	110.0
Trans., Commun., & Utilities	134.3	135.1	136.4	143.7
Wholesale Trade	150.1	150.3	149.3	159.7
Retail Trade	538.9	540.0	536.2	556.5
Finance, Real Estate & Ins.	150.5	151.3	152.4	152.8
Services	666.7	667.6	666.8	664.4
Mining	8.3	8.8	9.2	12.0
Government	628.1	591.0	572.8	630.7
Federal	56.1	56.7	57.8	56.3
State	150.0	140.0	127.5	153.1
Local	422.0	394.3*	387.5	421.3*
Workers Involved in Labor Disputes	1.6	17.2	2.9	2.3

* Indicates a labor-management dispute in the industry.

Notes: Data expressed in thousands. Current month data are preliminary.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE data are based on the monthly Current Population Survey of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics — 1981 Benchmark.

WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT is based on a monthly sample of employing establishments as part of the cooperative federal-state Current Employment Statistics program — March 1981 Benchmark.

Claims Activity

The number of individuals drawing regular unemployment benefits in Michigan rose significantly in October. The regular claims load averaged 247,660 in October, approximately 29,900 higher than a month ago. Over the same period, the number of claimants receiving payments under the Extended Benefits program increased more than 800 to average 63,680 per week. Under the Federal Supplemental Compensation program a claimant may be eligible for as many as 13 weeks of additional unemployment benefits. During October the claims load under this program averaged 78,760

Weekly Claims for Unemployment Insurance

Week Ending	Regular Program Total	Regular Program Initial	Regular Program Cont'd	Extended Benefits Total	Extended Benefits Initial	Extended Benefits Cont'd
Oct. 2, 1982	232,900	49,100	183,800	63,500	6,500	57,000
Oct. 9, 1982	244,300	49,500	195,100	63,400	6,500	56,900
Oct. 16, 1982	257,000	40,300	216,700	63,500	6,000	57,500
Oct. 23, 1982	252,600	36,900	215,700	64,100	6,200	57,900
Oct. 30, 1982	251,200	37600	213,600	63,900	6,200	57,700

Detroit Area Inflation Up Slightly

The Detroit metropolitan area Consumer Price Index rose 0.3 points or one-tenth of a percentage point between September and October to total 295.2. Marginal increases occurred in housing, medical care, transportation, and entertainment. These were partially offset by declines in food, beverage and apparel costs. Since October 1981, prices in the Detroit area have increased 4.9 percent. A year ago, the area Consumer Price Index stood at 281.5.

The national Consumer Price Index rose only three-tenth of a percentage point over the month to 294.1 in October. Housing, apparel, transportation, and medical prices registered modest increases over the month while food costs declined. Since September 1981, national prices rose 5.1 percent when the index stood at 279.9.

Hours and Earnings

The average workweek of Michigan's production workers in manufacturing industries rose 1.6 hours over the month to 39.7 hours in October. The increase was primarily due to a longer workweek in auto and related industries. A year ago, the workweek averaged 40.3 hours.

Hourly earnings of production workers declined twenty-three cents over the month to average. $11.10. Weekly earnings increased $8.58 to average $440.81 in October. A year ago, earnings averaged $10.88 an hour or $438.41 per week

Industry	Average Hourly Earnings a/			Average Weekly Hours a/			Average Weekly Earnings a/		
	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1981	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1981	Oct. 1982	Sept. 1982	Oct. 1981
TOTAL MANUFACTURING	**$11.10**	**$11.33**	**$10.88**	**39.7**	**38.1**	**40.3**	**$440.81**	**$432.23**	**$438.41**
DURABLE GOODS	11.54	11.77	11.27	39.6	37.8	40.3	456.67	445.07	453.88
Primary Metal Products	12.39	12.46	11.97	39.6	38.9	39.1	490.44	484.77	467.72
Fabricated Metal Products	10.51	10.79	10.38	41.3	40.6	37.4	390.77	388.36	322.76
Nonelectrical Machinery	11.34	11.62	10.96	38.9	38.3	41.3	441.49	445.22	452.95
Electrical Machinery	9.63	9.66	8.88	39.6	39.4	39.6	381.64	380.49	351.36
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	12.88	13.12	12.55	40.0	37.1	40.8	514.52	486.18	512.47
NONDURABLE GOODS	9.51	9.70	9.18	40.3	39.5	40.4	382.75	383.08	370.67
Contract Construction	13.94	14.13	14.12	37.1	35.4	37.9	517.20	500.90	534.51
Department Stores	5.84	5.84	5.56	31.4	31.5	31.8	183.00	183.86	176.81

a/ *Average weekly and hourly earnings are computed from aggregates of individual establishment reports utilizing the total amount paid to production workers and total production hours. Average weekly and hourly earnings differ from weekly and hourly rates in that they are affected by overtime wage rates, part-time earnings, the length of the workweek, etc.*

Note: *Current month data are preliminary.*

Labor Surplus Areas Eligible for Federal Procurement Preference From June 1, 1982 through May 31, 1983

Eligible Labor Surplus Areas	Political Jurisdiction(s) Included
Alcona County	Alcona County
Alger County	Alger County
Alpena County	Alpena County
Allegan County	Allegan County
Antrim County	Antrim County
Arenac County	Arenac County
Baraga County	Baraga County
Barry County	Barry County
Bay County	Bay County
Benzie County	Benzie County
Berrien County	Berrien County
Branch County	Branch County
Calhoun County	Calhoun County
Cass County	Cass County
Charlevoix County	Charlevoix County
Cheboygan County	Cheboygan County
Chippewa County	Chippewa County
Clare County	Clare County
Clinton County	Clinton County
Clinton Township	Clinton Township in Macomb County
Crawford County	Crawford County
Dearborn City	Dearborn City in Wayne County
Dearborn Heights City	Dearborn Heights City in Wayne County
Delta County	Delta County
Detroit City	Detroit City in Wayne County
Dickinson County	Dickinson County
East Lansing City	East Lansing City in Ingham County
Eaton County, Balance of	Eaton County less Lansing City (part)
Emmet County	Emmet County
Flint City	Flint City in Genesee County
Genessee County, Balance of	Genesee County less Flint City
Gladwin County	Gladwin County
Gogebic County	Gogebic County
Grand Rapids City	Grand Rapids City in Kent County
Grand Traverse County	Grand Traverse County
Gratiot County	Gratiot County
Hillsdale County	Hillsdale County
Houghton County	Houghton County
Huron County	Huron County
Ingham County, Balance of	Ingham County less Lansing City (part), East Lansing City
Ionia County	Ionia County
Iosco County	Iosco County
Iron County	Iron County
Isabella County	Isabella County
Jackson County	Jackson County
Kalamazoo City	Kalamazoo City in Kalamazoo County
Kalkaska County	Kalkaska County
Kent County, Balance of	Kent County less Grand Rapids City, Wyoming City
Keweenaw County	Keweenaw County
Lake County	Lake County
Lansing City	Lansing City in Ingham County
Lapeer County	Lapeer County
Leelanau County	Leelanau County
Lenawee County	Lenawee County
Livingston County	Livingston County
Luce County	Luce County
Mackinac County	Mackinac County
Macomb County, Balance of	Macomb County less Clinton Township, Roseville City, St. Clair Shores City, Sterling Heights City, Warren City
Manistee County	Manistee County
Marquette County	Marquette County
Mason County	Mason County
Mecosta County	Mecosta County
Midland County	Midland County
Missaukee County	Missaukee County
Monroe County	Monroe County
Montcalm County	Montcalm County
Montmorency County	Montmorency County
Muskegon County	Muskegon County
Newaygo County	Newaygo County
Oakland County, Balance of	Oakland County less Farmington Hills City Pontiac City, Royal Oak City, Southfield City, Troy City, Waterford Township
Oceana County	Oceana County
Ogemaw County	Ogemaw County
Ontonagon County	Ontonagon County
Osceola County	Osceola County
Oscoda County	Oscoda County
Otsego County	Otsego County
Pontiac City	Pontiac City in Oakland County
Presque Isle County	Presque Isle County
Redford Township	Redford Township in Wayne County
Roscommon County	Roscommon County
Roseville City	Roseville City in Macomb County
Saginaw City	Saginaw City in Saginaw County
Saginaw County, Balance of	Saginaw County less Saginaw City
St. Clair County	St. Clair County
St. Clair Shores City	St. Clair Shores City in Macomb County
St. Joseph County	St. Joseph County
Sanilac County	Sanilac County
Schoolcraft County	Schoolcraft County
Shiawassee County	Shiawassee County
Sterling Heights City	Sterling Heights City in Macomb County
Taylor City	Taylor City in Wayne County
Tuscola County	Tuscola County
Van Buren County	Van Buren County
Warren City	Warren City in Macomb County
Washtenaw County, Balance of	Washtenaw County less Ann Arbor City
Waterford Township	Waterford Township in Oakland County
Wayne County, Balance of	Wayne County less Dearborn City, Dearborn Heights City, Detroit City, Livonia City, Redford Township, Taylor City, Westland City
Westland City	Westland City in Wayne County
Wexford County	Wexford County
Wyoming City	Wyoming City in Kent County

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